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Local couple seeking support for struggling newborn

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Staff Reporter

A young Haliburton couple is staying the course, doing everything they can for their resilient baby daughter Prudence

Evelyn-Anne Christie's fight for life. Mark Christie and his fiancé Nicole Hanna, who live near West Guilford, have been in Toronto at Sick Kids Hospital for close to two weeks now after their daughter was admitted due to a series of complications that started when she was born on Jan. 6 in Orillia.

Prue's fight continues and the challenge will not end even after she leaves the hospital because of the likelihood of longterm complications, which could develop into moderate or severe Cerebral Palsy.

Her parents have asked for financial support to address upcoming expenses related to their daughter's future and emotional support to help them stay posi-

Christie appreciates any financial support they can get, but gives greater value to the support and the prayers being made for his baby girl.

"But just to know people are praying for her is a thousand times more important for me because it'll mean more energy. I'm not religious, but I do believe that there is a reason why people pray so I've got to believe it's going to help her. She's doing better so I think it is super important for me and Nicole to stay positive," he said from Toronto.

He adds the support through social media such as Facebook and Instagram has been amazing.

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County facing big budget increase

Chad Ingram

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors would need to find \$1.2 million to keep this year's budget in line with last.

Councillors heard draft budgets from department heads during committee meetings on Jan. 14.

While in 2014 the county raised \$13 million of its nearly \$19 million budget through taxation, to provide the services and complete the projects laid out in the draft budget for 2015 it would need to raise \$14.2 million, representing a \$1.2 million increase over last year, or an increase of approximately nine per cent.

Last year, there was a two per cent tax increase at the county level.

"As you know, it's not a good news budget for me," treasurer Laura Janke told councillors.

There are a number of financial pressures driving the increase.

One is that the municipality will see a \$136,000 decrease in equalization payments from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, continuing a years' long trend.

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\$1-million program for elderly launched

Chad Ingram

Staff Reporter

The province is injecting more than \$1 million into Haliburton County for the creation of new health-care services aimed mostly at seniors.

A total of more than \$1.106 million will be used to establish a Geriatric Assessment and Integration Network (GAIN), establish behavioural supports for those with mental health or neurological conditions, hire a community GAIN co-ordinator, provide assisted living for high-risk seniors, establish a palliative care community team and provide physiotherapy services.

During an announcement at the HHHS facility in Haliburton Jan. 13, Wayne Gladstone, chairman of the province's Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) said the programs "are

all designated and designed to improve people's experience with the health-care system."

Some \$515,000 of the funding will establish a GAIN team, which will create individualized integrated care plans for high-risk seniors, including those still living in their own homes.

\$85,000 will be spent on behavioural support staff with special training in dealing with individuals with mental health issues, dementia and other neurological conditions.

Another \$125,000 will hire a GAIN coordinator, someone who will support clients and work with primary caregivers to co-ordinate individualized healthcare

Nearly \$150,000 will provide assisted living for high-risk seniors still living in their homes and more than \$120,000 will establish a palliative care community team, which will work with the HHHS palliative/hospice manager to facili-

In our community it takes a village to ensure that seniors and vulnerable folks are safe and healthy in their homes. The programs that are going to be rolled out from this funding are really going to help

- Reeve Carol Moffatt



Longtime hospice volunteer Dorothy Owens speaks at a funding announcment on Jan. 13. Owens said the more than \$1 million HHHS is receiving from the county will do much to raise the quality of living for those facing the end of life. /Chad Ingram Staff

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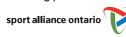








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tate a higher quality of living for those approaching the end of life. Another \$110,000 will be used for

physiotherapy clinic services.

HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said it was a great day for Haliburton County.

"More importantly, if you're an elderly resident of Haliburton County, this is an absolutely fantastic day for you."

Eskedjian thanked the provincial government, the seniors' care network and the staff who received the proposals from HHHS and felt they had merit.

He also thanked the HHHS staff, physicians and others who had helped him make the applications.

"I didn't put these proposals together on my own," he said.

Eskedjian, who noted the funding will mean the hiring of 12 full-time staff members and the creation of two parttime positions, said the cash infusion was the largest investment HHHS had seen in the last 10 years and the second largest it had seen since the construction of the HHHS facilities themselves.

Longtime hospice volunteer and HHHS community advisory committee member Dorothy Owens spoke about the importance of the funding for those facing the end of life.

"Individuals want to remain in their homes for as long as they possibly can," Owens said. "These investments will provide opportunities and access to services that can make that wish a reality and will also provide better quality of life for the living and also for the dying. Haliburton County is a great place to live and it just got even better."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt brought congratulations from Haliburton County council on behalf of Warden Murray Fearrey.

"It's often been said that it takes a village to raise a child," Moffatt said. "I think in our community it takes a village to ensure that seniors and vulnerable folks are safe and healthy in their homes. The programs that are going to be rolled out from this funding are really going to help."

MPP Laurie Scott congratulated Eskedjian and HHHS board members.

"This is like winning the lottery, but it isn't as easy as winning the lottery and I think Varouj and the board here deserve a great deal of credit for engaging in the process of integrating, recognizing the needs of our community and especially the rural challenges we have in delivering the health care that we need," Scott said. "This is a very proud day for Haliburton County."

Create your own dream job and hire yourself

Haliburton County Development Corporation is teaming up with Fleming College Employment Centre and invites all Wantrepreneurs who would like to be Entrepreneurs to join them for an information session. On Wednesday Jan 21 at 9:30 a.m. attendees will learn how the Ontario Self Employment Benefit Program could pro-

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Baby suffering from seizures since birth

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As of late last week, the Facebook group started by the couple to garner attention and support for Prue had more than 300 members. It had more than 100 the first day it started.

To help the family and keep up to date with Prue's status, see the Facebook group Prayers for Prudence or visit www. gofundme.com/PrayersForPrudence.

Christie and his fiancé moved back to Haliburton six months ago after being away for a year.

A recent Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate who worked at the Peppermill as a chef and had a co-op placement at McKecks, Christie said he returned because he loves Haliburton and wanted to raise his daughter here. Hanna is the daughter of Christine Appleby of West Guilford.

Through much of this ordeal, Christie has felt pressure from the medical staff to give approval to administer "comfort care" to his daughter, which would take away the medical assistance. Making the decision to continue with assisted care has been a struggle for the couple

"You start going through and thinking are you being selfish by making this decision [to keep your daughter alive]? But as far as I'm concerned there's going to be a lot of work going into having a daughter with Cerebral Palsy. Me and Nicole are completely aware of that and completely open [to it]. You get to sideline those thoughts because you can't be selfish if you're trying to give your daughter a chance at a life," he said.

Each time the doctor sits the couple down to address progress of their daughter it seems Prue is looking to prove him wrong, Christie said. Recently, the doctor told the couple Prue wasn't moving,

an example of a lack of progress, but the baby girl yawned, proving there is an underestimated fight in Prue.

Christie calls her the "jokester," always ready to show up the medical staff.

Christie reached out to the *Echo* early last week with his daughter's story:

"She was born with meconium in her lungs/airways causing her to be unable to breathe and she had no heartbeat. She had to be given CPR to help her. Overnight between 2 and 6 a.m. (Jan. 7) she had two seizures lasting 15 seconds each. She arrived at Sick Kids Hospital Toronto on Jan. 7 around 9 a.m. That night at Sick Kids Hospital she had another seizure lasting 30 minutes, which they were able to stop ... she was put on seizure meds through an IV, which have helped her to not have them anymore. As of Jan. 10 she has been seizure free and they are currently weaning her off of the seizure medicine. We arrived at Sick Kids on Jan. 8 and learned that she has a poor heart and had almost not made it through the morning. Since then, her heart has improved a bit. She was put on a cooling mat for 72 hours when she arrived to Sick Kids and was taken off to warm at 1 a.m. on Jan. 10. She just recently had an MRI and we were told that our baby girl will have moderate/severe Cerebral Palsy – a physical disability caused by the brain."

Update as of Thursday, Jan. 15

Christie said the lack of oxygen from birth has affected major organs like the heart, liver, kidney, lungs and brain. Although her liver, kidney and heart have slowly improved, showing signs that they will have a full recovery, there is still a lot that has to be done. Her brain and lungs still remain in question.

Her brain has had significant damage



Prudence Evelyn-Anne Christie is fighting for her life since being born, due to complications related to breathing. The baby's parents, who live near West Guilford, are appreciative of the support they have received for their daughter, who faces the strong possibility of having Cerebral Palsy. /Photo submitted

for reasons unknown by the doctors.

The brain injury has affected her direct mobility skills, making it hard for her to move. After the MRI results the doctor said she would have a moderate to severe case of Cerebral Palsy.

It seemed after getting wind of that, Prudence decided to show signs of proving it wrong. Her reactive movement has been improving and has mostly reacted to being stimulated.

Her lungs have been affected, making

it so she is on a higher ventilation unit called an oscillator.

The amount of oxygen she needs has varied but she is down to only needing 30 per cent oxygen assistance giving hope she may be able to breathe on her own.

Prue is still in critical condition. How long she will be at Sick Kids is unknown, but she has had progress.

Prudence has been battling throughout her stay at Sick Kids but hasn't has seizures since last Monday.

Roads budget could cost county \$6 million in 2015

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Another is nearly \$300,000 worth of repairs required to the Dark Lake bridge.

The roads department is requesting an additional \$100,000 for its winter maintenance reserve, as last year's extreme winter weather, coupled with flooding around Canada Day, left the department with a shortfall for 2014.

The roads department has the largest budget of any department, costing approximately \$5.4 million in 2014.

There is an increase in the capital projects line of the roads budget, with a jump of \$111,000.

There is a total of \$2.588 million worth of capital projects in the draft roads budget. This includes \$1.13 million for the reconstruction of 5.4 kilometres of Kennisis Lake Road; \$650,000 of work along 8.5 kilometres of Haliburton Lake Road; \$412,000 for surface treatment of 6.4 kilometres of Eagle Lake Road; \$378,000 for grading and draining along 1.8 kilometres of County Road 503; and \$42,000 for 0.2

kilometres worth of work along County Road 507.

There is also \$120,000 allotted for blasting, tree-clearing and road realignment around what is known as the Coleman Lake Curve on County Road 7, in order to improve sight lines.

The overall 2015 roads draft budget – including some \$2.992 million in maintenance costs – is for \$6.080 million.

Janke pointed out that the roads items

were really the only items driving the increase that were within council's con-

Out of its control is the legislated increase in its social services budget, which will jump by some \$200,000.

Council has also voted to hire an additional staff member for the county's stretched IT department, which will cost

There will also be a two per cent increase in many wages (as per collective agreements), as well as other expenses

such as hydro.

Wages comprise about 80 per cent of

So far, council has received one written request for funding for the year. That request came from Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association which operates the Haliburton fish hatchery and at one time received as much as \$25,000 per year from the upper tier.

The request was for \$10,000, the same amount the HHOA received last year. When council granted the association the grant in 2014, councillors asked members to demonstrate, tangibly, how the hatchery contributed to the county's tourism

"They didn't do it," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt, adding council needs to examine whether continuing to support the HHOA is a good use of county dollars.

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen

pointed out that even if the county wasn't giving the outdoors association a grant, it didn't mean the municipality wasn't

"supporting" the organization.

"We partner and promote with a number of organizations," Virtanen said.

'They are maintaining this facility to produce these fish," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's huge for tourism. I see the people on our lake and they're not cottagers. I don't want them to go out of business."

Councillors decided to leave the item on the list for further discussion and chief administrative officer Jim Wilson suggested having members of the HHOA do a presentation on Jan. 28.

County council will deliberate the full

draft budget at its Jan. 28 meeting.
"There will be some tough decisions between now and the 28th of January," Janke said.

County encourages visitors to 'Unwind Local'

Chad Ingram

Staff Reporter

Unwind Local.

That's the message of Haliburton County's 2015 marketing campaign.

Playing on the #MyHaliburtonHighands program she introduced last year, tourism director Amanda Virtanen unveiled the Unwind Local campaign to councillors at a Jan. 14 committee meeting

The promotional video – created by local production company Positive Media – is a fast-paced montage of video clips showing bubbling local beers, canoeing, fishing and campfire scenes, local musical performances and more, all set to the sort of youthful music one might hear

tumbling out of a bar on Toronto's Ossington Avenue.

Near the end, a series of "un" words – unmatched, unparalleled, etc. - cycle on the screen, ending with 'Unwind Local.'

The phrase is a take on the popular Eat Local and Shop Local trends, Virtanen explaining that in this case, 'local" applied to anyone in regional proximity to Hali-

Committee member Bruce Ballantine was quick to point out that, to be grammatically correct, the slogan

should read, "Unwind Locally."

"It fits nicely with the trend," Virtanen said.

"The unfortunate trend," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who admitted she'd struggled with the grammatical incorrectness but decided that in the end, it was in the county's best interest to capitalize

on the trend. "It is modern and you just have to go with

Councillors had suggestions for the video, Moffatt pointing out there weren't many middle-aged people depicted and Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin noting there was an absence of motor sports.

Virtanen said the video was a draft and that other footage could be incorporated, the music changed, depending on council's preference.

The tourism department's advertising budget for 2015 is \$115,000, some of that going toward the creation of promotional videos.

Virtanen said she also planned to take advantage of a YouTube advertising opportunity, which costs nothing if viewers click away within the first eight seconds.

Getting tough with customer service in the Highlands

Chad Ingram

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County may be exercising some tough love when it comes to customer service at businesses within its borders.

The idea of conducting a true "mystery shopper" style assessment was discussed during a meeting of the county's tourism committee on Jan. 14.

Such mystery shopper assessments have been performed in the municipality in the past, however, on a vol-

As county councillors have discussed in the past, often it's the businesses that do not want to part of such exercises that could use the most improvement.

At last week's meeting, committee member Bruce Bal-

lentine, who sits on the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholders Committee, said it had been suggested at a stakeholders meeting the assessments simply be performed and that business owners could be approached afterwards about whether or not they wanted to hear

"I'm glad to hear you're interested in taking a more aggressive approach," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt. "I think it's maybe time in the county for a little bit of tough love. There are probably half a dozen people in this room who have had poor customer service experiences in Hali-

Ballentine said that in a tourism economy, every business – every gas station, every lumberyard – was also in the tourism business.



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> — Carol Moffatt Algonquin Highlands Reeve





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County can't afford to build tourism building in near future

Director suggests building new welcome centre near county EMS base

Chad Ingram

Staff Reporter

The county's tourism director has suggested to county council that the department get a new building on the property where the county is building its new EMS

Councillors received a staff report with the recommendation during a Jan. 14 tourism committee meeting.

For years, the county's tourism information office has been located in a small building off Highway 35 in Minden. The county leases the building from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The current, one-year lease expires this summer.

The space isn't ideal for a variety of reasons . . . it's an aging building," Amanda Virtanen told councillors.

The county pays \$1,200 a month, plus utilities and maintenance fees, for the space.

Virtanen's preferred option was for the county to purchase an EcoLog home kit, erecting the building just north of the new EMS base, which is scheduled to open in

That project is costing the county some \$1.2 million and it's already spent about \$800,000 on the acquisition and servicing

of the property.

Other options included placing an EcoLog building on a property owned by a third party (the vacant lot at the Carnarvon intersection was mentioned in the staff report) or renting one of the units in the strip mall being constructed at the intersection of Highway 35 and County Road 21 by the owners of HP Superstore. A 900-square-foot unit in that building would cost approximately \$1,600 a month,

Staying with the status quo was also an

While councillors liked option No. 1, they agreed now was not the time.

"Option 1 is the only one that has a huge capital requirement," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, stressing county council was facing a difficult budget year. "I just don't think in 2015 we can consider

His colleagues expressed similar senti-

"I totally agree this isn't the time to go about investing in a new property," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne

Councillors agreed that pending review of property lines, they'd retain a chunk of the former Walker's Auto Repair property for the purpose in the future.

This 1942 Ford pumper truck

belongs to the municipality of Highlands Éast

and is the main

project of the Fire Heritage

committee, a

new committee

vehicle and use it

for parades and

special events.

The committee

was established at the Jan. 13

meeting of

Highlands East council./Photo

of council that is hoping to

refurbish the

Highlands East establishes fire heritage committee

Angelica Blenich

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 13 meeting of Highland's East council.

A new committee of council has been created, focused on preserving the municipality's history.

During a delegation to council, Curtis Tighe requested permission from Highlands East councillors to approve the fire heritage committee and establish it as a committee of council.

The groups's main focus at this time is the preservation of an antique, 1942 Ford pumper truck that was at one time usable, belonging to the Highlands East fire depart-

Tighe explained to councillors the group would like to restore the old truck, with the intention of using it in parades and for special events.

The group would fundraise for the restoration project, which has already received some financial donations, said Tighe.

"Heritage matters, it is our history that keeps our small communities going and makes us who we are," wrote Tighe in his request to council.

The group hopes to use local mechanics to do the restoration work, which they are currently seeking quotes for. "It's in good shape," said Reeve Dave Burton about the

Tighe was unsure of how long the project would take or what the restoration would cost approximately.

Council approved the committee and their project. The committee consists of chairs Aliceson Dooley and Tighe, as well as members Melissa Bryan, Ashley Campbell, Matthew Desrosiers, Raylene Dooley, Jenn Woolacott, Gill Stephens, Dan Linkert, Ann Watson, David Watson, Roberta Walsh and Jane Underwood. Councillor Joan Barton will act as a liaison.

HATVA makes financial request

Members of the Haliburton ATV Association are requesting some financial support to help replace two bridges on a snowmobile trail in Highlands East.

The wooden bridges are currently collapsing and in need of immediate attention, Eric Christiansen told councillors during a delegation.

The hope is to replace them with steel bridges, one measuring 35 feet long and the other 40 feet long, wrote HATVA in their request to council.

It is estimated the project will cost about \$70,000, most of which the association has already secured through a National Trails Coalition grant and contributions from other local organizations.

To reach their target of \$70,000, HATVA still needs \$7,548 in financing and is hoping Highlands East can help with the difference, so that construction on the project can start this spring.

In 2014 the municipality applied for funding through the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance, for trail development and maintenance, councillor Barton told the paper.

Although the municipality was successful in getting the grant, it was approved too late in the year to be used for area trails, wrote Barton.

Councillors passed a resolution stating that the \$25,000 EOTA grant be partially used by HATVA to complete repairs and improvements up to \$7,500 for the bridges.





The remainder of the grant funds will be allocated for trail development this spring, according to Barton.

Council moves ahead with building upgrades

After much consideration, councillors are proceeding with heating upgrades for the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre and the municipal office.

Tyler Peters of Evergreen Energy Solutions prepared a detail summary of HVAC options for councillors to consider and included the proposed food hub space in the

For the municipal office councillors decided to pursue an air-source heat pump, which is the most desired replacement HVAC system, Peters reported to council.

After much consideration, the option chosen for the LWC was a propane-fired, ducted forced air heating system. This option would not require a generator upgrade.

The municipal office portion of the project is estimated to cost a total of \$65,000, while the LWC portion is estimated to cost a total of \$100,000, for a total of \$165,000, according to estimates provided by Evergreen.

Council passed a resolution to proceed with the pro-

posals and necessary electrical upgrades and directed Evergreen to prepare a tender and detailed design for the

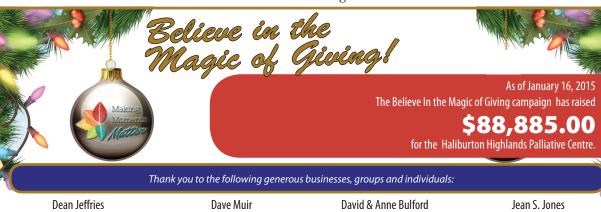
The hope is to begin construction on the building upgrades this spring.

HE to host doors open this year

The municipality will be hosting Doors Open this coming September, an initiative of the provincial govern-

The heritage event allows members of the public to tour historical sites, such as churches, schools, private homes and more for free.

Highlands East hosted the event in 2011.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fei

by Darren Lum

Fishing culture

1OUGH DECISIONS are on the horizon for county councillors.

At a committee meeting last week, treasurer Laura Janke warned that while costs are going up, equalization payments from the province are dropping.

Crucial roads work demands \$6 million, social services costs are up an additional \$200,000 and wages are increasing two

per cent. Come Wednesday, Jan. 28, all of the county councillors will be faced with the draft budget and asked

to make hard calls. One has already reared its head at committee: the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

The HHOA runs the fish hatchery outside of Haliburton Village and is responsible for stocking the lakes around the county.

In order to justify giving the \$10,000 the HHOA asks for annually (down from the \$25,000 they previously received years ago), county councillors have asked the organization to demonstrate at the next council meeting that its operations contribute to the tourism economy.

No doubt the outdoors association, which in 14 years has stocked lakes with 500,000 fish, will have little trouble making the case.

Fishing, obviously, is one of the major activities done on lakes across the Highlands. In fact, it is featured in the tourism department's most recent marketing campaign: Unwind Local.

People come to cottage country for its forests and lakes, to relax, sit on the dock and, in many cases,

Giving them something to fish for seems to be a necessary component of the process.

The lake trout and walleye released locally ensure that water bodies that are heavily used still

have fish year after year, keeping visitors coming back and local residents (full-time and seasonal) happy.

It also protects the lakes that aren't stocked from being over-fished and

depleted.

Jenn Watt

editorial

The argument shouldn't be about whether the hatchery has an impact on tourism; it should be about whether the county can afford not to have a hatchery.

Is it important when people come to visit they can expect to catch something for dinner?

Would it jeopardize our image as a cottage country destination if many of our big lakes didn't also include big lake trout?

If the answer is yes, then the hatchery should be treated as more than an outside organization looking for tourism department dollars.

If we believe that fishing is part of the culture of the Highlands, keeping fish stocked in local lakes needs to become part of an ongoing commitment from the local government – part of the budget just as much as roads, libraries and social services.

Family fun

TE CANADIANS are tough people. In this minus 30 weather people are out walking dogs, skating on the ponds, skiing at Moosewoods and Sir Sam's, snowshoeing, ice fishing, building snow forts, and bird watching. Nothing stops us! And there is nothing as satisfying as coming in from an outdoor adventure and hunkering in

with a good book, puzzle or game to relax and really appreciate being warm.

Birch row

Playing games together with family or friends is a great way to connect, have some fun and stay warm in these cold winter days and evenings. Every year at our annual New Year's celebration my friends pride themselves on bringing a new board game to play and this year the game of choice was Pan-

demic, which is a co-operative board game that was designed in 2008. The game is based on the idea that four diseases have broken out in the world and each one threatens to wipe

Two to four people can play the game. Unlike other games, this is not a competitive game but rather a cooperative game where the players have to work together to discover all four cures before any of several game losing conditions are reached. This is a great game to play with teens and adults together.

Last year's game was Suspend, which is a hanging balancing game that is all about hanging wire bars onto a tabletop stand. Each time a wire bar is added the balance shifts and so it can get tricky.

This game can be played competitively or co-operatively. My friends and I have celebrated New Year's Eve for 25 years and so we have played a lot of games over the years. What I can say after 25 years of playing together is that games are a great way to connect. The kids love the games as much as the adults. It is

a great way to spend time together and there are so many different games that everyone can find something that suits their age level and interest. What I especially appreciate is that all of the technology seems to just disappear during the games and people are just with each other.

For all these years our kids have been exposed to these New Year's rituals of games. We keep a

group journal and we eat good food and so that is what everyone now expects and cherishes. I don't think any of us adults could have predicted that 25 years later we would have these beautiful traditions that are so simple and create, so much fun and that our kids love just as much as we do. In the end our families and friends are what are most important to us and there are so many beautiful ways to be together. As parents we want to teach our kids how to be social and engaged and interested and interesting. There are so many ways of doing that.

As a parent I am so grateful to have friends who inspire me in so many different ways. It takes the entire group to raise these kids!

Lynda Shadbolt

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points of view

My Olympic event

'M NOT SURE if it was life-changing. Only time will tell, I suppose. What I do know is I discovered a skill this weekend that – ■not to brag – puts me in a league of my own.

When I say league of my own, I mean that literally. That's because, sadly, there is no organization for ultra-short distance sprinters. It's not a recognized Olympic event – which is odd when you consider they gave solo synchronized swimming a shot from

If it was an Olympic event, I'd be a world class contender. Like all great discoveries, I learned this accidentally. One minute I was sitting down watching TV and the next I was more than six

feet away from the remote. Had you seen this, it might have

appeared as a blur.



steve galea

But, if television cameras were trained on me, as they would be in an actual world championship ultrashort distance sprint, you would have also seen the slow motion footage of the big spider descending from the ceiling and pausing inches away from my face. Then in the next frame you would have listened as the colour commentators gushed about how quick I was off the blocks and how I covered the entire distance of the race (two metres) just micro-seconds off my current world record - which occurred

last summer with those bats. They might have said something like, "Did you see that? Galea crossed the finish line in 1/1000th of a micro-second. He got there before his drink hit the ground! That's going to be hard to beat!"

Sadly, that's not going to happen right now. You see, athletic organizations are prejudiced against those of us with no real athletic ability. Thus, the shortest sprints we have now

That's unfair. Only track and field athletes in exceptional shape – or anyone being chased by a skunk – can be competitive at this sort of event. But shorten the distance to two metres and suddenly you've opened it up to the rest of the world.

Isn't that what sport is supposed to be about?

This event would have a heat of 4 sprinters on a couch eating popcorn. Then, you'd startle them with something big enough to cause either heart stoppage or a brief flight towards the finish line a full two metres away. In some cases, it might be a huge spider. In other cases, it might be a knock on the door, since they would be eating popcorn and watching TV in their underwear, the way normal people who aren't expecting company do.

In either case, the impetus would cause the sprinters to leap vertically two to three metres and once they hit the ground, sprint the same distance horizontally.

Action-packed? You bet.

More than that, I believe I might be able to bring the gold home for Canada. You see, with my combination of jittery nerves, cat-like reflexes and will to run no farther than absolutely required, I am built for this sport.

The great part of this is that little to no training or facilities are required, so Olympic programs around the world would realize huge cost savings. And the distance is too short for performance

enhancing drugs to help, so even Lance Armstrong could enter.

More than that, the acceptance of this sport might actually start a trend for other low impact sports. Synchronized napping, team sun-tanning and competitive coffee drinking come immediately to mind.

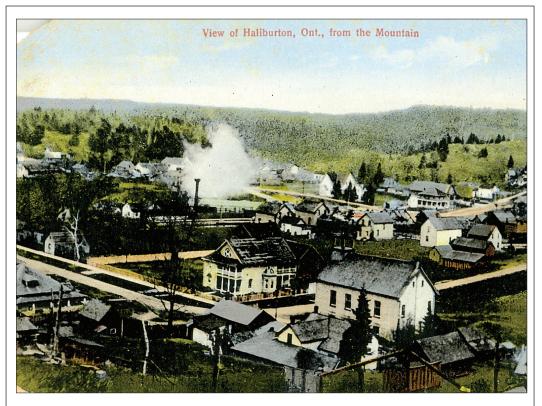
Frankly, I think it's about time too.

I mean who do these Olympic athletes think they are? Role models? Yeah right. I don't know about you but I want to be able to do what my role models do - which, based on past experience and that infertility scare, rules out anything to do with hurdles.

No, give us the two-metre sprint any day and watch a new breed f middle-aged athletes be competitive.

And then be patient as we catch our breath ascending the podium....

> **Email your letter to the editor to** jenn@haliburtonpress.com



pic of the past

isa Robertson brought in this undated postcard of Haliburton Village. The top of the card reads "View of Haliburton, Ont., from the Mountain." The Lucas House as well As the town hall can be seen in the centre of the frame, which takes in the intersection of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street.

letters to the editor

4Cs thanks supporters

To the Editor,

In December, the 4Cs had the privilege of distributing toys and more than 200 Christmas food vouchers to our community. This, and our regular monthly distribution of food, would not be possible without the generosity of so many.

As we look back over the last couple of months, we simply say a big "thank you" to a long list of campaigns and supporters including: Fill-the-Truck, Terror on Wonderland Road, Zombie Walk, Fill-the-Cruiser, Moose FM Radiothon, Home

Builders (toy drive), our local grocery stores, schools, businesses, clubs, individual donors and our volunteers. Thanks too to everyone who donates or shops at the Lily (which supports the food bank).

It is difficult to adequately express our gratitude to the wonderful caring community we have the privilege of living in and that responds so generously to meet the needs at our food bank. Again,

David Ogilvie Board Chair, 4Cs

More letters to the Editor on page 8

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Green Party offers alternative

To the Editor,

Both the federal and provincial Conservative parties constantly criticize the provincial Liberal government for its spending and budget, trying to give the illusion to engaged citizens that a Conservative government is the only fiscally responsible option.

Barry Devolin's annual budget for his constituency offices is \$327,620 (Parliament of Canada website). Laurie Scott spent \$274,423 on office expenses in 2014 (Legislative Åssembly of Ontario website). Does this sound "fiscally responsible" to your readers? Does it really cost that much to run an office? Or is it money well spent on cal-

endars or communications that could easily be sent in an already distributed local paper? Elizabeth May, leader of The Green Party and MP posted her office and travel expenses at \$23,684 for the year (Elizabeth May MP website) and she lives on the other side of the country!

Don't be fooled, there are alternatives. Fiscally responsible alternatives that care for more than just the elite!

The Green Party of Canada tables an extensive, smart budget that cares for all of Canada's citizens and the environment.

> Julia Taylor, President Association of the Green Party of Canada Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Book a date for literacy

Fifteen minutes a day spent talking, listening, playing or reading with a youngster add up to lifelong benefits for both children and parents.

Research shows that adults who encourage literacy skills in their children help lay the foundation for healthy growth and development, improved speech and language, an interest in lifelong learning and future success in school. For that reason, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is highlighting the importance of literacy in the lead-up to Family Literacy Day on

Family Literacy Day is marked nationally to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Locally, many libraries in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County and Haliburton County have special activities planned to mark as Family Literacy Day. People are encouraged to check with their local library or Ontario Early Years Centre to see what is being planned in their community.

"Practising literacy together every day has tremendous benefits for both children and parents," says Shelley Shaughnessy, a family health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Not only is there quality time spent together as a family, strong literacy skills are also essential for children to reach their full potential in our changing and dynamic world."

There are many fun ways that families can encourage literacy skills, without children even realizing they are learning, she adds. Reading a book at bedtime, visiting the library, playing a board game together, singing, writing to a relative or friend or telling knock-knock jokes while doing the dishes can all be options. For more ideas to promote literacy at home, visit ABC Literacy Canada (www.abclifeliteracy.ca).

Another way to promote literacy is to recognize how reading and writing show up in everyday activities. Shaughnessy points to grocery shopping as an example. "Get your child to help you write a grocery list, then look for letters or words on signs in the supermarket and shout out the names of the items you find. You can also read the labels on the foods you buy with children, and get them to help you sort the groceries when you get home," she savs.

Locally, the District Preschool Speech and Language Program (www.kidtalk.on.ca) can help families seeking resources that support children's speech and language guage skills. For more information, call the HKPR District Health Unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 and speak to a Family Health Nurse.

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Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What will you do with the money you save at the gas pumps?

Paul Cook

Drive to our Cranberry Lake cottage more often.

John Teljeur

With all the travelling I do, the gas savings have really added up quickly. I just went out and bought a couple hundred bucks of LED lights to replace all those energy gobbling bulbs I have now.

Victoria Spencer

Be thankful, and smile while I'm driving to the cottage – finally feels like a mini vacation...not an investment.

Barb Vanek

Be happy happy about it and hope it stays down. The gouging has gotten old.

Shirley Marsh Johannessen

Put it towards my hydro bill.

Shawn Heasman

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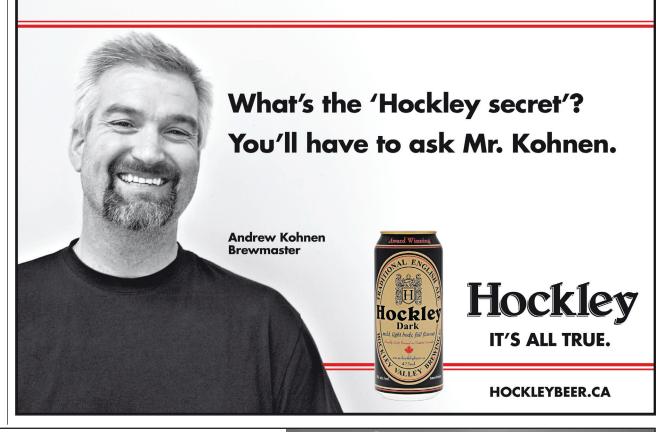




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Larry Parsons had this moose visit him a few weeks ago at his highway 118/ Queens Line area home.







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Community Builders

Gwen Otto

Jenn Watt

Editor

This is part of a series on people in the community doing important volunteer work.

Gwen Otto has been a resident of Benoir Lake for 17 years and a cottager in the Highlands for 40. During that time, volunteering has played a key role in her life.

Most recently, Otto has been co-ordinating Diner's Club meals in Wilberforce for Community Care, now called Community Support Services.

'I took over for a friend and she's my backup now. It'll be six years next month, says Otto.

Twice a month – the second and fourth

Friday – a special lunch feast is held at the Wilberforce Legion from noon to 1 p.m. For \$10, attendees get a hot meal with salads, buns, fresh veggies and a home-made dessert. Last time it was apple pie. More than 30 people regularly attend the lunches.

Otto says the experience has been rewarding for her and she's met many friends along the way.

"I like people and the group that I have, I don't know what I'd do without them. They are super, super people. Our oldest guest is 90. He still drives. They're just such warm people. Very, very warm people," she says.

For more information about Diner's Club or for volunteer opportunities call Community Support Services at 705-457-2941.







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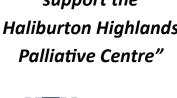
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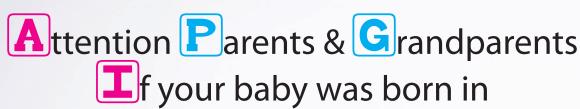
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Radio Hall hosts Chilco

Ian Pay on the bass performs with singer/song writer Zoe Chilco on Friday, Jan. 16 at the Canoe FM Radio Hall in Haliburton. The packed crowd included 27 people for the evening performance that will be broadcast on Canoe FM this Thursday at 6 p.m. The next event for the venue is the Writers and Radio Night this Friday night at 7:30. It features Jim Blake, Fay Wilkinson, Claire Sylvan, Doug Pugh, George Farrell and Brigitte Gall. Admission is by donation. /Darren



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Singer/song writer Zoe Chilco, second from right, performs with Paul Greco on drums, left, lan Pay on the bass, Paul Chilco (Chilco's brother) on guitar and John Deacon on the flute to a packed crowd on Friday, Jan. 16 at the Canoe FM Radio Hall in Haliburton. /Darren Lum Staff





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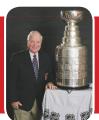
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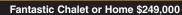














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The Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller is asking for the public's help to keep the three skating pads on Head Lake and the Kraft Skating Oval in Head Lake Park behind the Rails End Gallery cleared of snow. Shovels will be available at Baked and Battered across the road and near the skating oval. Weather permitting, the oval is scheduled to be ready this weekend.

Darren Lum /Staff

It allows more people to get out there because not everyone can make it to the arena during the public skating times.

- Andrea Mueller

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Changing Lives

Community needed to sustain outdoor skating pads

Darren Lum

Staff Reporter

There's nothing quite like skating outdoors says Dysart's new recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller.

"To have the outdoor opportunities, it adds some magic to skating," she said. "It's a Canadian activity."
For the past few weeks the township

and volunteers have been busy clearing snow, placing donated Christmas trees and cedar rope from Country Rose (including trees from the public and land-fill attendants who set a few aside) as bar-riers to designate the three skating areas, and creating a skating ring in Head Lake Park in front of the Rails End Gallery.

The initial work was done by the township and volunteers for skating pads on Head Lake in Haliburton to ensure safety and practical aspects to the areas were considered.

Although the township staff and the Dysart et al fire department might periodically help with clearing or flooding, it's up to the community to regularly keep the ice skating areas clear.

"[The community] is vital. We can't go down and use staff to clear it every time there is a snowfall," she said.

She's confident from early feedback that people are ready to help.

"If people want it this is what we have to do for now," she said.

Ideally, she was hoping people would

sponsor an ice pad and assume the responsibility to keep the snow cleared.

There are three different skating pads. The ice pad closest to the docks, measures 30' x 60', next closest to the park is the narrow one, which is being groomed

to be the curling surface for the upcoming Haliburton Frost Festival, and the largest one, measuring close to 70' x 50' is closest to the park.

Shovels for the three skating pads will be available at Baked and Battered, across the road from the docks like last year.

Mueller said a skating ring, dubbed the Kraft Skating Oval – named for this year's desire to become Kraft Hockeyville – has been started beside the playground for another option and for people who are uncomfortable with skating on a lake. Shovels for the ring will be available nearby, she said. It's scheduled to be ready (weather permitting) this weekend.

The sports and recreation borrowing program has received ice skates, ranging in sizes for toddlers to size 12 men's, which will be available at the snack bar at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Please call for availability and details. The cost is \$1 and will contribute to the expense of sharpening.

Mueller reminds people discs are still available to borrow from the library from disc golf. She recommends borrowing snowshoes from the Haliburton Highlands Museum, as certain parts of the course in Head Lake Park are easier to access with them.

Mueller adds being outside is great for health, as it provides the opportunity to not only take in the fresh air, but to raise spirits and enjoy the beauty of a sunset.

Mueller, who acknowledges some people like to skate inside arenas, said this offers greater choice and opportunity to be active for everyone.

'It allows more people to get out there because not everyone can make it to the arena during the public skating times. This provides that freedom to go skating when it's convenient for you," she said.



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Lady Hawks taking shot at playoffs | Flatman pins

Staff reporter

After a hard fought win over the Spartans of Lindsay this past Tuesday at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, the Red Hawks are looking to continue their winning ways for a place in the Kawartha High School Hockey

The victory was well deserved for a tired team that includes a strong contingent of players who also play for the Highland Storm.

Hawks head coach Dan Marsden said it's because of this scenario many of the players have played eight games in six days. He called it a mixed blessing.

"We've been pushing them, but at the same point, understanding that there is only so much in the tank," he said. "We had a great game against St. Mary's lost 1-0. They got a goal with six minutes left in the third.

Losing a couple of his Hawks players to injury didn't help the team with its workload.

First, Cassidy Garbutt left the ice close to a minute into the game after receiving a blow to the head because of a collision with a Spartans player while bent over.

Second, Sydney Feir left the game with seconds left in the first period when she sustained a shoulder injury after falling on it awkwardly.

Marsden said it helps to have three full lines to account for the shortened bench following the injuries.

Late in the first period, Hawks defence player Maddie Billings used her pace and stick-handling to go blueline to blueline where she unleashed a bullet of a wrist-shot, beating the Wildcats goalie Gianna Moore on the glove side for a 1-0 lead.

Up to this point, the game was closely contested with both teams unable to capitalize on scoring chances to break the scoreless tie.

The Red Hawks used the goal to take the momentum at the start of the second period.

Minutes into the period, the Hawks rode the momentum and had several chances to score. Hawks player Erin Little, who eventually finished with the game-winner, scored on a rebound inside the Wildcats' crease to double the score 2-0.

Although the Wildcats nearly scored with a two-minute power-play midway through the second, neither

Both teams emphasized puck possession, moving the

puck into the offensive zone instead of dumping it in.

By the third period the pace of the game quickened

and the scoring chances came in bunches.

Early on in the third, Hawks defence player Sydney Cameron dug deep while back checking to take away a scoring chance, chasing down the Wildcats forward Emma Winder to take away a clear breakaway by poking the puck away just in front of teammate and goalie Con-

Marsden came up big seconds later when she kicked away a low hard shot destined for the bottom corner.

The relentless Wildcats continued to press.

Their speedy centre Natasha Weikmann used the open ice, created during a powerplay, at the 8:52 mark to score after she picked up the puck at her own net and skated the length of the ice, deking and weaving through the Hawks' defence before potting the Wildcats' first goal

This sparked the visitors, who made a push for the equalizer.

However the Red Hawks raised their game, matching the Wildcats' intensity and even out-chanced the visitors.

With just over a minute left, Cameron added a welcomed insurance goal when she scored on a quick and hard wrist-shot that rang off the post, taken close to the faceoff dot, beating the goalie on the blocker side 3-1.

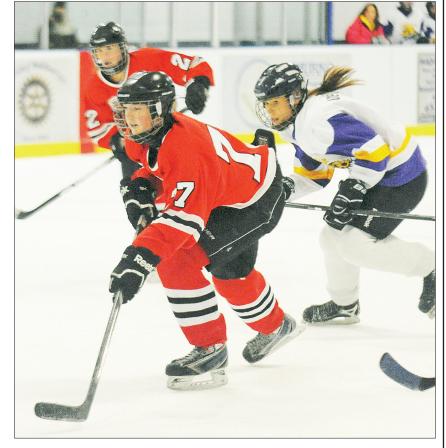
This win comes at an opportune time for the team

pressing for a Kawartha playoffs spot.
Five games remain until the Kawartha playoffs, which will be hosted at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

"It's our biggest game to try and get into Kawartha [playoffs] so the win is good," Marsden said.

"I said to the girls we're going to get some chances offensively and that's when we're going to have to capitalize because we'll be in every game. We have to shut down their stars or know where their strength is and we're working with our [defence], controlling the puck, being the quarterbacks and move away from the trap,'

He adds moving the puck around from player to player, end to end, keeping possession and spreading the defence is something he's trying to get his team to continue to use.



Darren Lum Staff

The Red Hawks forward Erin Little, who scored the game-winner, chases down a puck for a breakaway against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 3-1.

"If we bury our chances and we'll have a chance every game we play," he said.

After this game the team is 2-1-3 on the season.

Two days later

The Hawks travelled to Peterborough on Thursday, Jan. 15 to face off against Holy Cross. Brynn Meyers enabled the team to get within a goal on a nice pass from Alicia McLean in the third period. However, a five-on -three penalty kill late in the third period proved to be the dif-ference, with Holy Cross taking a 3-1 lead and securing their win. Submitted by Judi Paul



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down gold

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Jan. 16.

Three podiums for wrestlers

Last week, the Red Hawks wrestling team competed in a tournament in Port Perry for the first meet of 2015. Greg Crofts and Keagan Gillam placed fourth. Matt Sexsmith and Rebecca Hamilton placed second, while Sonya Flatman brought home gold.

Ice hockey enters break winning

On Tuesday, the men's Red Hawks hockey team improved to 5-1 by defeating the Norwood Knights 7-1 as they head into the exam break. The line of Matt Wilbee, Mac Rider, and Paydon Miscio was on fire, accounting for four of the team's

Hawks take down Wildcats

On Thursday, the junior girls' volleyball team had a great tournament in front of a hometown crowd with a victory over I.E. Weldon, a top team in the league. Submitted by Judi Paul

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Skyline sweepers

Curlers Todd Johnston of Oshawa, left, and Tyler Warham of Haliburton sweep a rock for their skip Connor Duhaime, who is a graduate of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, during the 56th annual Skyline Men's Invitational Bonspiel this past weekend from Jan. 16 to 18 at the Haliburton Curling Club. There were 80 players who competed. See the results in a future issue of the Echo.

Darren Lum Staff

Basketball seniors rule Bulldogs' court

Gord Cochrane

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton High Secondary School senior basketball team dominated Brock High School on the road on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 52-29.

When the two teams met earlier in the season at Haliburton the Red Hawks won 44-35. The Red Hawks

end of three quarters.

The Red Hawks were led in scoring by Hunter Smith with 19 points, including three three-point shots, one of which was a desperation heave at the end of the first half from about 55 feet! Smith also made all six of his free throw attempts. Smith also tied for the team lead in rebounds with Cody Bain, both garnering six

Coach Dave Waito felt this was Smith's best game of the year, adding he was very aggressive, offensively, defensively and on the boards.

Bain was second in scoring with 11 points. Angus

Sullivan, though playing guard, did an excellent job of rebounding. Sullivan ended up with five rebounds and had another excellent defensive effort. The rest of the Red Hawks scoring came from Nick Thompson with four, Matt O'Reilly with five, Will Stephenson two, Jalen Campbell four, Caleb Schmidt one, Hunter Bishop two, McKay Coneybeare four and Ben Davis two.

The Red Hawks have shown marked improvement all year, with their record now standing at 5-5. Inasmuch as the team did not win a single game last year, coach Waito is very proud of the improvement of this team. The team now has two weeks off for exams. Their next games are at a tournament in Bracebridge on Jan.30 and 31. Their next home game is on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m. against St. Thomas Aquinas Cathollic High School.



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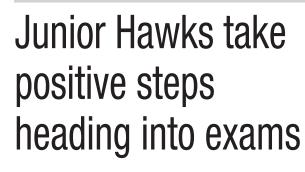
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Paul Longo

Special to the Echo

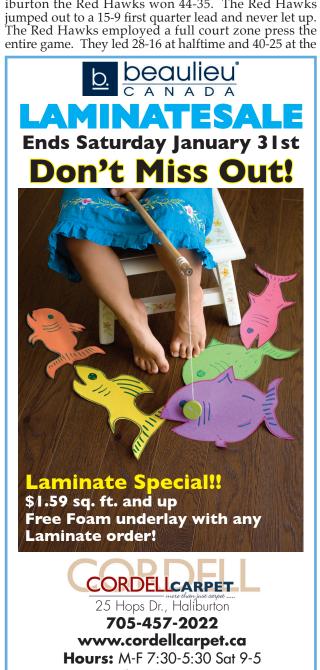
Despite two tough losses over the last week to LCVI and Brock, the junior Red Hawks basketball team continues to take important steps forward in both their skill level and their understanding of the game.

In our home loss to LCVI on Monday, the Red Hawks rebounded from a lacklustre first half to play almost even ball with the Spartans in the second half. The highlight of the game occurred in a two minute span in the fourth quarter when Hawks guard Sam Longo jacked three three pointers. He finished the game with a team high 12 points. On Wednesday at Brock, the Red Hawks had a seven point lead against the Brock Bulldogs at the half and looked in complete control of the game

However, a relentless and effective full court Bulldog press in the third quarter rattled the boys and they never recovered. Final score Brock 36 Haliburton 28.

Hawks forward Shane O'Reilly finished the game with a double-double (12 points and 12 rebounds). O'Reilly's teammate Collin Martin had his best game of the season (eight points and 12 rebounds). Keep the faith boys!

Coaches Dan Lapierre, Sam Little, and Longo are extremely proud of your effort and dedication. Good luck on exams and be ready to come out of the gate flying in February!



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HCPL's DVD of the month: Wadjda

All Wadjda dreams about is the green bicycle that she sees every day as she passes a shop on the way to school.

The problem facing the fun-loving 11 year old is that riding bikes is frowned upon for girls in Saudi Arabia, and her mother, distracted by the prospect of her husband taking a second wife, refuses to have it for her to buy it for her.

Determined to get the bike, and race against her neighbourhood friend, a boy named Abdullah, she begins to raise money by selling mix-tapes and braided bracelets on the playground, among

other enterprising activities.

After a run in with her strict headmistress, Wadjda enters a Quran verse reciting competition with a grand prize that will more than pay for the bicycle. But will she be able to realize her dream of racing Abdullah through the streets of Riyadh even if she does win?

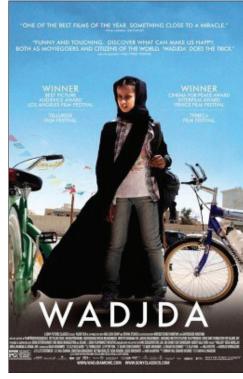
Wadjda is an award-winning film by director Haifaa Al-Mansour, the first female Saudi Arabian filmmaker.

The first motion picture filmed entirely in Saudi Arabia, it has been described as "Transgressive in the best possible way, Wadjda presents a startlingly assured new voice from a corner of the globe where cinema has been all but silenced." (Rotten Tomatoes)

Wadjda was featured at the 2014 Haliburton International Film Festival, and is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Highland Storm Novices win MPS playdowns



The highland Storm Novices came away from Port Carling the MPS Champions last weekend.

On Jan. 17 and 18 the Novices travelled to Port Carling to participate in the MPS Playdowns playing two games

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Saturday and two more on Sunday. Saturday started off with the Storm's toughest competition yet. After playing the Huntsville Otters four times over the course of the season, the Storm has battled hard each game and hasn't been able to come out on top. This game was going to take everything that the Storm had to give to show the Otters what they were made of. The Storm started the game off with the first goal putting the game into full swing. But the Otters weren't about to let us walk away with it and battled back just as hard keeping up with every goal. At the end of the third period they were tied at three putting the game into sudden death overtime. It was an intense overtime with both teams doing everything that they could to get the puck in the net. After a couple of close calls the Storm managed to hit the back of the net and take a 4-3 win in overtime.

Game two on Saturday had the Storm facing Parry Sound. They were tired after playing the game of the year just an hour and a half before but they were up for the challenge. Parry Sound battled hard, with a solid goaltender keeping them right in the game. The Storm managed to squeak three goals past the goaltender but it wasn't easy. The Storm won the game 3-2

Sunday brought a whole new day with more competition and the drive to make it to the A finals. Game one of the day had the Storm playing North Muskoka Rock. Another great solid game played by all players and a 7-0 win for the

With three wins under their belts the Canadian Tire Novices awaited the announcement of who they would have to face in the A finals. With one game left to play they knew that it was going to be tough. The A finals were set and ready to go the Highland Storm would face the South Muskoka Bears. Another tough team but the Storm had their eyes set on taking home the gold. The game started out with the Storm dominating the play, making great passes and trying to get the puck past the Bears goaltender. Finally the Storm was able to find the back of the net, and took a 1-0 lead. With everyone doing what they could to keep the Bears from getting one but the puck found its way into our net tying the score 1-1. But the Storm didn't give up. They battled hard back fought off penalties and continued to force the Bears to step up their game. With another goal for the Storm they were back in the lead. The Bears pulled out all the stops taking advantage of a power play they pulled the goalie to try and tie the game up with just over a minute left in play. The Storm took a time out and the coaches set the play in motion. With less than a minute left the Storm got an empty netter clenching a 3-1 win and showing the Bears just what they were made of.

The Canadian Tire Novices played a weekend of great hockey. Congratulations to Taylor Consack, Aiden Perrott, Cooper Coles, Austin Boylan, Avery Degeer, Cody Keller, Greame Armstrong, Evan Gilbert, Nathan Harrison, and Logan Tripp as well as the coaching staff Tim Degeer, Scott Coles, Tom Perrott, Darnell Gilbert, and Darlene Armstrong on a fantastic weekend. Way to bring home the win!

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

Midget girls continue push for first

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls hosted the Wolverines from Keene Monday night in Wilberforce as they continued their last season push for first place in their LLFHL Eastern loop. The girls looked to continue their focused team play from their Orillia Tournament Championship as they hit the ice. Erin Little opened the scoring midway through the first period finishing off a rush with a wrister to beat the Keene tender. The Storm jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead with another tally from Erin Little putting a loose puck into the net off a goal-mouth scramble. The aggressive Wolverines never gave up and scored on a power play midway through the second period drawing close at 2-1. In the third period, the Storm kept up their level of play and pushed up their offensive attack and scored two more unanswered goals. Brynn Meyers went five-hole off a two-on-one rush and Erin Little added another for the hat trick with an empty netter to solidify the 4-1 win. Great win, girls - with six wins in four days! Keep up the efforts as we push our ways into the league play-offs and provincial play downs.

On Saturday, the Storm girls travelled to Frankford to

take on the Cold Creek Comets in one of their last 4 regular season games. Needing three points to guarantee first place in their loop and home ice advantage in league play-offs, the Storm faced off in an afternoon tilt against the Comets. Alicia McLean opened the scoring early in the first period finishing off a neutral zone rush with a sweet forehand-backhand dangle to beat the Cold Creek tender. Erin Little slipped in a rebound off a goal mouth scramble to put the Storm up 2-0 in the first period. The Storm continued their offensive pressure in the second period doubling their lead with goals from Alicia McLean and Kenndal Marsden. Connor Marsden turned away all Comet spiners with her eighth shout-out win of the season Comet snipers with her eighth shout-out win of the season as the Storm went on to win the game 4-0.

On Sunday, the Storm hosted the Ennismore Eagles in Minden in an afternoon tilt to try and secure first place overall in their Eastern LLFHL loop. An actionpacked game started in the first period with both clubs capitalizing on their scoring opportunities. The Storm held a first period lead of 3-2 with goals from Kenndal Marsden, Kelsey Maracle and Becca Anderson. The Eagles continued their aggressive play in the second period shutting down the offensive attack of the Storm keeping the score at 3-2 after a scoreless period. The Storm rallied in the third period and improved their team attack putting four unanswered tallies past the Ennismore netminder. Kenndal Marsden, Alicia McLean (with two) and Brynn Meyers all found the twine to round out the scoring in the 7-2 final score. Great finish girls to secure the win, and first place in our Eastern loop of the LLFH league with still two regular season games to our schedule. Awesome effort, girls!

The Storm's next home game is Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. in Minden when they host the West Northumberland Wild in their last regular season game before starting their league play-offs and provincial playdowns. Good luck, girls, as we continue our push for the Provincial Championship weekend. We will still need to keep building on our team focus and puck control to continue to build on our improving

Submitted by Dan Marsden

First playoff win for Bantam A

The playoffs began with a 7-3 win for the Storm Bantam A in Minden against the Oro Thunder. History shows that this should be an easy round for the Storm. It started early in the first with a rush by Devyn Prentice, a pass over to Patterson-Smith and he easily redirected in. Seconds later, Turner, being first to the puck, shoots it out front to Schmidt and he finds the opening, Storm winning 2-0. Late in the first, Cooper won the faceoff, rushed and took a shot, Lucas Haedicke grabbed the rebound and scored, making it 3-0, ending the first. Then, a pass from Jacob Haedicke to Cooper, he skillfully skated in and top cornered the puck. A minute later, Storm controlling the game in Oro's end, Manning snapped a pass to Patterson-Smith, he skated through the crease and saw the opening for another goal. The Storm continued to dominate the game. Next goal came from a shot by Patterson-Smith, Manning picked up the rebound and shot it in. Oro surprised the Storm with a late goal in the second, now 6-1. The Thunder came out strong and manage an early goal, and with the Storm a bit on their heels, got another later in the third, making it 6-3. Late in the third, Lucas Haedicke rushed in, made a quick pass to Cooper and his keen eye secured the 7-3 win.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Storm Peewee A Team wins MPS playoffs

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A Team participated in the MPS Playoff Tournament over the weekend and skated away with the Championship

Right from the get go, the boys served penalty after penalty but it couldn't bring them down, possibly just the opposite. Showing perseverance, heart and incredible teamwork by all players our boys battled it out winning all but one game.

The first of three games on Saturday, the team faced Muskoka Rock, a team they have not met in the regular season. Setting the tone for the weekend, the boys finished with a 4-2 win. Goals scored by Isaac Little (first and third periods), Paul Turner (first period) and Ryan Hall (second period) with assists from Tyson Clements, Zach Morissette, Benn MacNaull and Ryan Hall.

Saturday's second game saw Storm sparring against the Bracebridge Bears. With a hat trick from Braeden Robinson (second and third periods) along with goals from Alex Little (first period) and Tyson Clements (second period), assisted by James Alexander, Isaac Little, Joe Boice, Alex Little, Benn MacNaull and Aaron Bellefleur the boys made it look easy with a 5-1 win.

The third game of the day Storm faced their arch rivals the Huntsville Otters. Storm battled to the end but in the last five minutes a game that looked like it would result in a scoreless tie quickly became a loss ending in 2-0.

Sunday morning brought a new day and a determination to win against the Parry Sound Shamrocks to advance to the finals. Storm will face the Shamrocks in the first round of OMHA playoffs so this was a fantastic time for a trial run, The boys hit the ice with a vengeance and didn't look back, they found themselves playing shorthanded for much of the game but still managed to push through for a 3-0 win and a chance to face Huntsville again in the finals. Goals scored by Tyson Clements (first period), Joe Boice (second period) and Zach Morissette (second period) with assists from Isaac Little, Ryan Hall, Zach Morissette, Joe Boice and Ryan Hall.

The Championship game saw Hunstville and Storm battling it out once again. A quick goal early in the first period by Isaac Little, assisted by Tyson Clements started the game out right. In the second period Braeden Robinson sniped one in (his fourth of the tournament) assisted by Isaac Little and Aaron Bellefleur. Later in the second, Zach Morissette made it look easy with an unassisted goal. Huntsville wouldn't let the Storm boys off that easily and retaliated with two goals, one in the second and one in the third bringing the score to a close 3-2. With spectators on the edge of their seats Joe Boice scored the fourth goal for the Storm assisted by Benn MacNaull and Alex Little. The crowd went wild but knew that our boys' work was far from done with over seven minutes remaining in the game. Goalie Ethan Glecoff stood on his head to make certain that Huntsville didn't repeat the previous day's late game scoring. A battle to the end, and even with one man in the penalty box and Huntsville's goalie pulled the boys fought right until the buzzer with six on four. Try as they might, Huntsville couldn't bring our boys down this time with a final score of 4-2! Muskoka Parry Sound Peewee A Champs are: #33 Ethan Glecoff, #2 Alex Little, #4 Ryan Hall (Captain), # 7 Cole Prentice, #8 Benn MacNaull, #9 James Alexander, #10 Paul Turner, #11 Aaron Bellefleur, #12 Nigel Smith, #14 Tyson Clements, #15 Joe Boice, #16 Isaac Little (Assistant Captain), #17 Zach Morissette (Assistant Captain) and #27 Breaden Robinson, coached by Jason Morissette (Head Coach), Barry Boice (Assistant Coach), Clay Glecoff (Trainer) and Chris Hall (Assistant

Well played boys, a much deserved win. Come cheer the Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewee A Team on to victory in their first OMHA playoff game vs. Parry Sound at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden at 2 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 24. Let's go Storm!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Peewee AE has what it takes to compete

The Peppermill Restaurant proudly sponsors the Peewee AE Highland Storm, who attended the MPS Tournament in Burk's Falls this weekend. The tournament started with a thud, our team seemingly more excited about the pool and hotel fun than their first two games against South Muskoka and Alamaguin. But with nothing to play for, against the best team in the loop, our team decided to throw everything to the wind and show up for their best game of the season. Over the past two games against Huntsville, the Storm lost 14-0 and 9-3 but on Saturday they were able to cut that deficit down to a 5-1 loss. The



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The Highland Storm Peewee forward Isaac Little brings the puck into the Huntsville Otters zone in the Muskoka Parry Sound playoffs this past weekend in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The Storm lost this game 2-0, surrendering two goals in the third period. /Darren Lum Staff



The Highland Storm peewee forward Zach Morrisette rushes to the Huntsville Otters' net in the Muskoka Parry Sound playoffs

Storm squad pitted against **Almaguin**

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score did little to reflect the closeness of the game however, each team trading chances, winning and losing battles in the corner and frustrating the Huntsville squad who thought this would be a walk in the park. Brady Baldry scored the lone goal for the Storm on a feed by Jake Sisson.

The C final pitted our squad against Almaguin and against all odds the Storm played even better than before. Brendan Coumbs evened the score after the Ice Devils struck first and William Petrie potted a backhander to keep it tied at two apiece going into the third. Although they didn't have enough gas to carry the day, this squad is finally showing that they have what it takes to compete in the play-downs.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Hockey, hockey and more hockey for Tykes

It was hockey, hockey and more hockey for the Tom Prentice and Sons Storm Tyke team this past weekend. On Saturday, we travelled to Marmora to participate in the Centre Hastings tournament. The first two games were filled with excitement and great hockey, taking Storm to the A finals. It ended with a disappointing loss against Prince Edward County of 5-4 in overtime. Storm wasn't about to let the loss hold them down. On Sunday, Storm travelled to Bracebridge to have fun in another tournament. Again, there were lots of amazing goals, assists, passes, saves and team work. This time they took home the bragging rights of A winners! Congratulations team! Next face off is versing Brock Wild in Wilberforce on Saturday, Jan 24 at 1pm and Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. versing Huntsville.

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

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Loupe Troupe play in the works

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Hilda Clarke 448-2018

Members of the Loop Troupe met at the Wilberforce Library last Wednesday evening. Arrangements are being made with some Bancroft area players to have their production of a play entitled *Harvest* brought to the Lloyd Watson Centre stage later this winter. Harvest was presented at the Village Playhouse as part of the 2014 Bancroft Summer Festival. It is a bittersweet comedy

with two actors playing various roles.

Plans for a production by members of The Loop
Troupe are in the works for later this spring.

The curling club here is gearing up for the Women's Valentine Bonspiel the weekend of Feb. 6 and 7. Teams will be competing for the Don Fevereau Cup. This is usually a highly competitive but fun meet that includes all from beginners to some quite skilled players. And some

teams are often just lucky!

Yeah! A number of snowmobilers have been sighted during the last few days taking a break for food at The Diner here in the village.

It's time to raise a toast to a favourite poet. With anniversary of his birth coming up you can join the Robbie Burns celebration at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, Jan. 24. Refreshments at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Call the Legion at 705-448-2221 for information and to reserve a ticket. Always a hearty meal that is reminiscent of Robbie's days. Wonder who will address the haggis this year.

Though the current Wilberforce library is not yet a year old, there have been public libraries in Haliburton County for much longer than that. The Haliburton County Library System is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Do you have a story about the library in your part of the county? In honour of this special time stories are being collected about "What Your Library Means To

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Sympathy goes out to Teasdale's family

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Eleanor Cooper _754-2278

The family of Gail Teasdale and the whole community are in shock following Gail's sudden death on Jan. 14 in her own home. It was thought that all Gail's physical problems were over with the successful kidney transplant before Christmas. The heartfelt sympathy of the many friends and neighbours was expressed both at the visitation at Monk's Funeral Home and at the huge gathering following at the Community Centre.

Trevor Moore, son of Neil and Betty Moore, left on Jan.

4 for Burkina Faso in Africa with six others from Calvary Baptist church in Pembroke, Ont. to help drill for water in outlying villages. So far word has come of two successful wells and prayer and hope is extended for three more before their return on Jan. 18. The news was transmitted to Trevor's wife in Pembroke, then to the Moores here in Guilford.

I love hearing of your Christmas company, and thanks go to Ruth and Garry Cooper for sending the following: their family from Atlanta, referred to in the family as "the Atlanta five" enjoyed Christmas Eve day with their folks on the Barry Line. Johnathan, Janice, Amelia, Ben and Caleb had a wonderful day there before going to visit other family members on Dec. 25.

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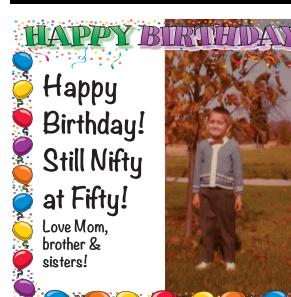


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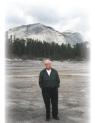
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Bill was a family person first. He cared for not only his family, but also the many friends he made through his involvement in music, church and community organizations. Bill's golf, trap shooting and curling friends helped support him through his illness, and he was able to keep active until very near the end. For this, the family offers our thanks. Special thanks to Dr. Ferracuti and the nursing staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the doctors and staff of Sunnybrook Hospital and Odette Cancer Centre, for the kind care he received.

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held at HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH, 10 George Street, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. For those unable to attend the service, the family will welcome friends to an open house on January 31, 2015. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the HHHSF - Palliative Care Unit, Haliburton or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

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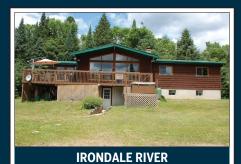
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